

School District Redistricting Commission

Date: Tuesday, November 6, 2007 REVISED

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Place: House Hearing Room 5

The Arizona School District Redistricting Commission is a legislatively-enacted Commission through SB 1068 charged with reviewing all current common school districts that are not part of a unified school district and considering combining these into a new unified district to create districts that offer instruction to students from preschool through grade 12, including those with disabilities.

Since that action in 2005 by Arizona's 47th Legislature's First Regular Session, the Commission was formed and began its work, including research, community discussions, public hearings around the state, utilizing cutting edge technology tools through ASU's Decision Theater, education sessions with groups such as the Arizona Auditor General's office, individual commissioner appearances and discussion with key school and public groups and other invitations for input.

Of the current 227 Arizona school districts, the focus was on 108 elementary school districts and 15 union districts. In April 2007, initial plans were drafted and sent to 92 school districts and their personnel for feedback and input. Some districts received two plan options; others received one plan. Some districts that could have been included in a redistricting situation were not included for a variety of reasons determined by the Commission.

The affected districts were invited to provide feedback on the plans they received by September 15, 2007, an extension of the initial date set. Of those 92, approximately 69 sent in feedback received by the Department of Education.

The Commission is now charged with analyzing the feedback and modifying and/or choosing a final plan for each affected district. It is also the Commission's option to choose no plan. The plans will be finalized between now and early December to allow for map and detail refinement to be sent to the Governor on or before December 31, 2007 for her signature. Once that occurs, those plans will be prepared for each district's ballot for the public to vote on in the November 2008 General Election.

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Review of Senator Gray meeting on relevant issues
- 3. Report on elections and legal issues from Ken Behringer, General Counsel
- 4. Report on the progress of calculating property tax rates
5. Review of Responses to SDRS Proposed Plans from School Districts, individuals and groups

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- a. Discussion and Final Determination of Unification Plans
 - i. Apache County Plan
 - ii. Cochise County Plan
 - iii. Coconino County Plan
 - iv. Gila County Plan
 - v. Graham County Plan
 - vi. Greenlee County Plan
 - vii. La Paz County Plan
 - viii. Maricopa County
 1. Central Plan 1
 2. Central Plan 2
 3. East Valley Plan 1
 4. East Valley Plan 2
 5. North Central Plan 1
 6. North Central Plan 2
 7. West Valley Plan 1
 8. West Valley Plan 2
 - ix. Mohave County Plan 1
 - x. Mohave County Plan 2
 - xi. Navajo County Plan
 - xii. Pima County Plan
 - xiii. Pinal County Plan 1
 - xiv. Pinal County Plan 2
 - xv. Santa Cruz County Plan 1
 - xvi. Santa Cruz County Plan 2
 - xvii. Yavapai County Plan 1
 - xviii. Yavapai County Plan 2
 - xix. Yuma County Plan 1
 - xx. Yuma County Plan 2
6. SDRC Next Meetings (needed until plans are finalized):
 - November 6
 - November 13
 - November 20
 - November 27 (may not be needed)
7. Public Input

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Susan Bitter-Smith
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